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**BGSURA PARTY TIME
DEC. 16 IN NORTH BALTIMORE**

RALPH WOLFE will host the fifth cocktail party of the BGSU Retirees Association Thursday, Dec. 16, 4 to 7 p.m. at his home in North Baltimore, 134 S. Main St., next to Bob Kelly Chevrolet-Buick dealership. See directions page 5.

“Since previous cocktail parties have been successful with group participation, please bring your own favorite beverage (alcoholic or nonalcoholic) and an appetizer to share,” said Wally Pretzer, coordinator of activities for the BGSURA.



Those planning to attend are asked to notify Wally (419-352-8057) or e-mail dpretze@bgsu.edu by Monday, Dec. 13. “Ralph has suggested that, after the cocktail party, you may wish to have dinner at the nearby Whistle Stop Inn, 100 N. Main St.,” Wally said.

For more about Dr. Wolfe, turn to page 4.

**NEXT LUNCHEON
JAN. 10, 2011 - From trapeze artist and skydiver to Internet ethics expert: Dr. Montana Miller, of BGSU’s Popular Culture faculty.**

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We love a parade!



JIM GORDON (2)

• *Starring as Santa in the BGSU Jerome Library unit of the city’s Holiday Parade Nov. 20 is Greg Predmore, who retired in 2009 from Athletics and joined the cart-pushing brigade officially known as the Jerome Rollers Book Cart Drill Team. From left are Vera Lux, Elisabeth Moser (back to camera), Santa Greg Predmore, Kathy Yoder, Beth Hofer (pushing a green-covered cart), Colleen Boff, and Becca Todak, distributing candy. More about the Jerome Rollers on page 4.*

Volunteer group makes 9th trip down Main Street

THE Jerome Rollers were formed in 2002. A contest was held within the library to name the group, and the winning name was Jerome Rollers Book Cart Drill Team. The Rollers have been in every Bowling Green Holiday Parade since 2002, and in the BGSU Homecoming Parade since 2008. Carts

are decorated by volunteers in the library. Generally, the members of the team have been employees (current or retired) of Jerome Library, give or take a few spouses to fill in the ranks. Greg Predmore was recruited last year for the Homecoming Parade and then as Santa to push the “goodies” sleigh cart for the 2009 Holiday Parade.



• *The more than 200 members of the Falcon Marching Band were a hit during the city’s 2010 Holiday Parade. The FMB is the largest student organization on campus.*

PASSINGS

ROBERT J. McGEEIN

■ Robert J. McGeein, BGSU's vice-president for capital planning before his retirement in 1993, died Nov. 19, apparently of a heart attack. He was 75. At the time of his death, he was assistant director of victim/witness services for the office of the Wood County Prosecutor.



A 1963 graduate of BGSU with a degree in business administration, McGeein was a Korean War veteran, serving in the Army from 1953-1957.

He served two four-year terms in Bowling Green City Council – from 1989 to 1997, first representing the Third Ward and then as councilman-at-large.

DAVID BELL

■ David Bell, who earned a bachelor's degree in education from BGSU and was employed in the University's Maintenance Dept., died Nov. 11. A Navy veteran, Bell was 56 years old.



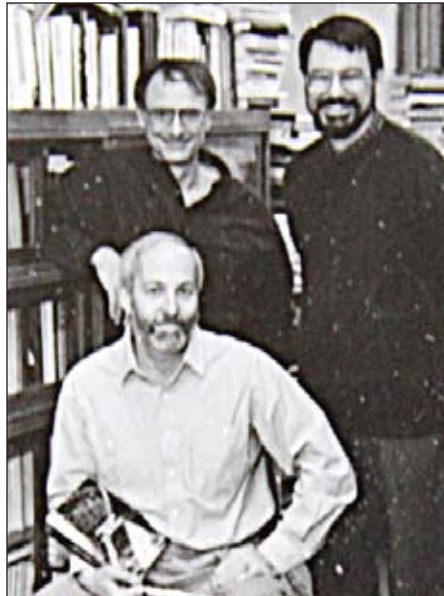
IRENE YOUMANS

■ Irene A. Youmans, for 25 years a BGSU administrative assistant, Wood County Hospital Gift Shop volunteer and an election poll judge, died Oct. 17 in Centerville. Born in Hot Springs, Ark., she was a Bowling Green resident for 50 years before moving to Centerville four years ago. Her husband Jack was a construction inspector and engineer on campus during the campus building booms in the late 50s and 60s.



EDITH M. ASHER

■ Edith Asher, 99, died at her home in Edgerton after a brief illness. Mrs. Asher was employed by BGSU's Food Service Dept., and retired with 30 years of service.



• In 1991, Tom Wymer (standing, left) posed with his co-authors of the *Great Ideas* textbook, Tom Klein (seated) and Bruce Edwards (standing, right).

THOMAS LEE WYMER

■ Thomas L. Wymer, who retired in 2007 as emeritus professor of English, died Nov. 13 at St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee. He was 71 and had battled leukemia for nine months. A Columbus native, he earned a cum laude bachelor's degree in English from Rice University in 1960. Dr. Wymer came to BGSU in 1966 as instructor while completing his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma (1968). During his years at BGSU, Dr. Wymer served as English department chair, its graduate coordinator, and acting director of the Technical Communications programs.

AUDREY L. RENTZ

■ Dr. Audrey L. Rentz, BGSU professor emeritus of higher education and student affairs who retired in 1997 after 24 years of service at the University, died Nov. 25. She joined the BGSU faculty after working at Virginia Tech, where she was dean of women in 1965-66, and at Alma (Mich.) College. She was a native of Peekskill, N.Y. Dr. Rentz, who completed her doctoral degree at Michigan State University, came to campus in 1974 with a joint appointment in the Division of Student Affairs and the College Student Personnel Department. In September 1978 she became a full-time faculty member. She continued to teach on a part-time basis in 1997. Dr. Rentz was a past trustee of the Bowling Green Community Foundation.



December 10, 2010

Concert Featuring BGSU Musical Ensembles and a Tribute to a Year of Service

Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lenhart Grand Ballroom Reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar | 6:30 p.m.
Centennial Celebration Concert 7 p.m.

Admission: A non-perishable food pantry item or monetary donation*

*All donations will benefit area food pantries.

For more information:
College of Musical Arts
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Centennial Convocation



JIM GORDON

• **ON THE BIG SCREEN** – Only days from his official retirement, Centennial co-chair Larry Weiss, at the lectern and on the projection screen at left, welcomes past Presidents Paul Ols-camp and Sidney Ribeau and faculty, students, townspeople and guests to the academic Centennial Convocation Nov. 9 in Anderson Arena. Final event will be the Centennial Celebration Concert Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom

of Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Ensembles from the College of Musical Arts will celebrate service to the community. Last Tuesday night, former BGSU Professor Eugene Sanders was the School of Teaching and Learning Centennial Speaker. Dr. Sanders was superintendent of Toledo Public Schools and then CEO of Cleveland Municipal School.

– PANORAMA PHOTO BY JIM GORDON

NEWS & VIEWS and PENSIONS

Pension Gaps Loom Larger

Funds Stick to 'Unrealistic' Return Assumptions, Threatening Bigger Shortfalls

MANY of America's largest pension funds, said *The Wall Street Journal* Sept. 18 in a page-one story, "are sticking to their expectations of fat returns even after a decade of paltry returns, which could leave U.S. retirement plans facing an even deeper funding hole and taxpayers on the hook for huge additional contributions."

The median expected return for more than 100 U.S. public pension plans surveyed by the National Association of State Retirement Administrators remains at 8%, the same level as in 2001, the association says.

Older drivers better?

DECLINES in vehicle highway fatalities have dropped overall in the past few years, but the declines have been

dramatic among the elderly, falling by half among those over 80, reported a national panel assembled by the National Transportation Safety Board. But the absence of additional research left the cause of the difference open to speculation.

"When there is a crash, older drivers are less likely to die," said Anne McCartt, of the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety. "We don't have a good explanation for this yet."

In part, she said, it may be because older drivers are more healthy and fit than they once were. Also the fact that older drivers are more comfortable driving at highway speeds than earlier generations of elderly means they spend more time on safer, modern highways.

– The Washington Post, via The Blade, 11-12-10

Long-term less profitable

METLIFE, Inc., announced it will stop selling long-term care insurance through group policies at the end of December, but will continue to honor existing policies.

Low interest rates on investment portfolios have cut into yields and have forced some insurers to review portions of their business with marginal returns.

MetLife is among the bigger sellers of long-term care, with about 600,000 policyholders, or about 8%, among the eight million who have long-term care in the U.S.

– WSJ and Sentinel-Tribune

via AP 11-12-10

Two for one

IN AN op-ed column in the Nov. 16 *Blade*, Lisa J. Morris, executive director of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio, said that "Lucas County gets nearly \$2 in pension payments for every \$1 in employer contributions delivered to SERS."

Morris noted that "Ohio's public employees do not get Social Security benefits. Or if they are eligible through a spouse or other nonpublic employment, benefits may be greatly reduced or eliminated – a severe penalty for public service."



BRIAN BUSHONG

• *Preparing to roll their Jerome Library carts in the parade are (from left) Sara Bushong, associate dean; Elizabeth Hofer, Libraries retiree; Colleen Boff, chair, Library Teaching and Learning; Elisabeth Moser, supervisor, NW Ohio Regional Book Depository; Mary Reynolds, Libraries retiree; Becca Todak, Center for Archival Collections (CAC) student employee; Eric Honneffer, CAC conservator; Vera Lux, Library Teaching and Learning; Greg Predmore, BGSU retiree; Kathy Yoder, Curriculum Resource Center; Gaynelle Predmore, Libraries*

retiree; Kim Davis, Budget Office. A contest was held within the Library to name the group, and the winning name was Jerome Rollers Book Cart Drill Team (aka Jerome Rollers). "Thanks to her marching band experience, Sara Bushong has always been the whistle-blowing director and fearless leader," said one marcher. Gaynelle Predmore made commemorative buttons for the team. Dr. Linda Dobb, a former dean of Libraries and executive vice president, was a great supporter of the Rollers. She donated personal funds and pushed carts.



WALLY PRETZER

Wolfe Viewing Center opened

A NEW BGSU resource for the study of film and video now bears the name of its benefactor. The BGSU Board of Trustees on Oct. 2 honored Dr. Ralph Haven Wolfe, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English and Gish Professor of Film Studies, by naming a viewing center in his honor.

Located in Hanna Hall, the Wolfe Viewing Center houses a collection of VHS films and digital videos. "It's going to be a wonderful resource for the campus," predicted Dr. Brett Holden, an

assistant professor of theatre and film. "It will be an invaluable tool for the classroom."

Faculty and students from any discipline may use the viewing center free of charge. The modern, spacious room features individual carrels, each with a DVD and VHS player.

At the Center ribbon cutting last month were (from left) Ron Shields, chair, Theatre and Film Dept.; President Carol Cartwright, Ralph Wolfe, and Simon Morgan Russell, dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

Good times roll in Deshler

A GROUP of retirees gathered Nov. 21 at the Bavarian Haus in Deshler to dance, chat, drink, and eat.

At this BGSURA-sponsored event – some may refer to it as a Wally-sponsored event – there were, besides Diane and Wally Pretzer, Shirley and Evan McFee, Hem and Harender Vasudeva, and Beverly Magrum. In addition to these retirees there were Julie George (Director, Global Connections) and Priyanke Jain, a graduate student from India who is working on her master's degree in Communication Disorders.

There was a large crowd of dancers enjoying not only polkas



and waltzes but also swing, foxtrots, and country melodies, plus some square dancing.

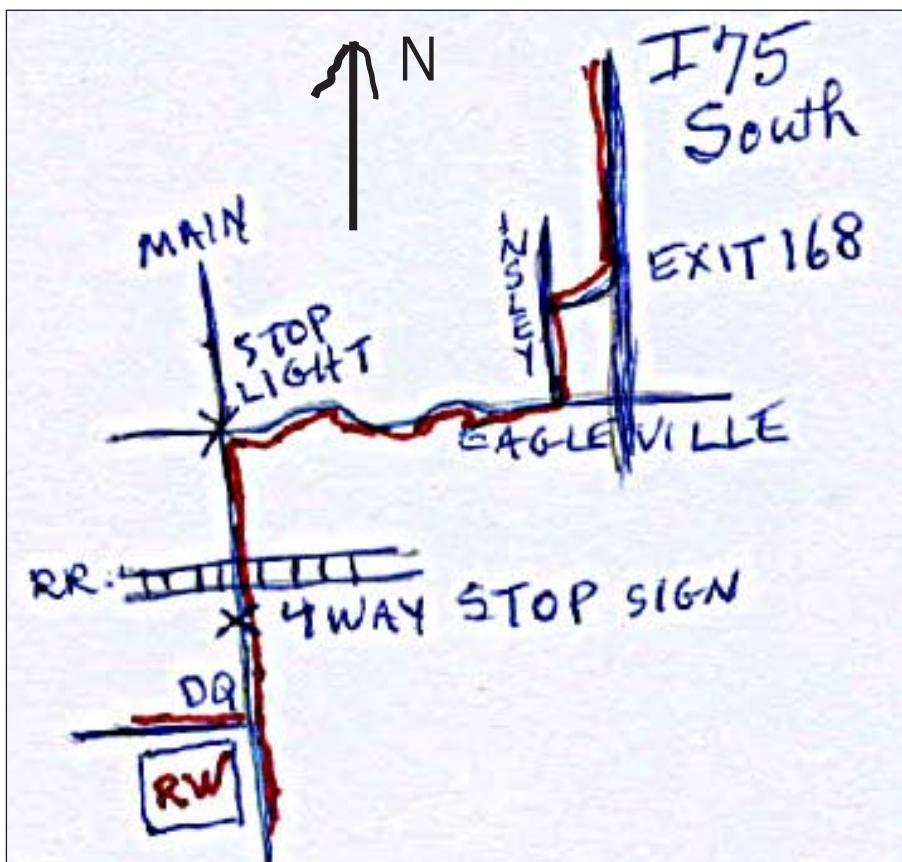
The fine band was Ted Lange's "Squeezebox" with vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Molly Busta and Dave



Burner on the drums. If you're interested in upcoming dancing (e.g., the Christmas Sing-A-Long, also with Squeezebox) and/or the New Year's Eve

Dance (with the Bavarian Brass), just call Wally at 419-352-8057 or e-mail him at dpretze@bgsu.edu.

– "Review" by Wally Pretzer



Directions by Diane to the Wolfe home at 134 S. Main St., North Baltimore

Get off I-75 South at Eagleville Rd. (exit 168) and turn left on Insley from the exit ramp. Next turn right (or west) when Insley deadends at Eagleville Rd. Proceed west to Main St. and turn left, or south. Continue across the tracks and past the stop light. The first house after the commercial block is Ralph Wolfe's, 134 S. Main St., west side of the street just before the Chevrolet-Buick dealer.

Park along the street and use the front door, or turn right into the area for parking along the side of the "Daily Queen," (which would be quite usable at this time of year). Ralph Wolfe's back door is just as fancy an entrance as his front door, so either is ok.

– Diane Pretzer

MAPQUEST



Thanks for your help: To Dana Sergent Nemeth, Center for Archival Collections; Joan Gordon, Diane and Wally Pretzer, Sara and Brian Bushong, Gaynelle and Greg Predmore, Ralph Wolfe, Steve Dunn, Dunn Funeral Home; Drew DeVore, Deck-Hanneman Funeral Home and Crematorium.

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BGSURA's computer expert, Charlie Applebaum, has been retained by the Chief Information Officer of BGSU as a resource person for any retired BGSU faculty or staff member within the city with a software

problem. Dr. Applebaum has 49 years of experience in mainframe and personal computing. He may be reached at 419-352-0777 or send an e-mail to applebau@bgsu.edu.



BGSU **Retirees Association**

2010-2011 Membership Application

Dear BGSU Retiree:

Now is the time to join or renew your membership in the Bowling Green State University Retirees Association. The membership application below offers a variety of choices, with one that will best fit your lifestyle. (New retirees receive a one-year complimentary membership.)

Besides publishing a newsletter and an annual directory, we hold five luncheon meetings with speakers during the year, sponsor various social functions, and fund a book scholarship for a BGSU student.

We also work with other retiree organizations to monitor and influence legislation and regulations affecting retirees from BGSU and other state universities in Ohio.

Jim Corbitt, Sue Hager

Co-chairs, BGSURA Membership Committee

Be a member of the BGSU Retirees Association

If you retired during the 2009-2010 year, your membership in BGSURA was free. We hope you will choose to continue your membership by returning this form and a check for your dues.

* Name _____

* Mailing Address _____

* City _____ * State ____ * ZIP _____

* Phone _____ * E-mail _____

Check: OPERS STRS No. of years at BGSU _____

Check: Classified Faculty Admin. Year you retired _____

Dept./Office from which you retired _____

Sign me up as a :

First-year retiree member, Free!

New full member, 1 year \$16

Associate member

(Spouse, widow, or widower of retiree), 1 year \$8

Life Member, \$200

Associate Life Member, \$100

• **IMPORTANT:** The information in bold type preceded with an * asterisk will be used to compile the **2011 BGSURA Directory** to be published next January. Please circle any information you do NOT want to appear in the Directory. For a copy of the **2010 Directory**, call or e-mail Jim Gordon at **418-352-8175**, toll free at **888-564-8592**, or jgordon@bgsu.edu.

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